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APPLICANT: Czech et al **GROUP:** 2826
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RESPONSE

This document is responsive to the Official Action dated June 19, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 remain as follows:

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- 1 1.(Previously Amended) An electrostatic discharge (ESD) protective structure that protects
2 an integrated circuit connected between a first voltage bus with a first supply voltage (VCC) and
3 a second voltage bus with a second supply voltage (VSS), said electrostatic discharge protective
4 structure comprising:
5 a plurality of laterally designed bipolar transistors each having a first load line connected
6 to the first voltage bus and a second load line connected to the second voltage bus, wherein said
7 first load lines are electrically parallel to one another and said second load lines are electrically
8 parallel to one another, each of said laterally designed bipolar transistors includes a control
9 connection connected to one of the voltage buses;